



Waiver to Local Development District Grant Administration

Federal legislation states that the Northern Border Regional Commission, "shall enhance the capacity of, and provide support for, local development districts (LDD) in its region." It outlines obligations that LDDs have once they are designated. 40 U. S. C. , §15505 (c). LDDs are typically the Economic Development Districts designated by the US Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration to serve the region in a similar capacity.

In addition to the federal mandate, Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC) has steadily and consistently been receiving increased appropriation from Congress. This is beneficial to the region, but with it comes increased oversight responsibilities and administration. NBRC can maintain its small staff by partnering with the LDDs to ensure that the investments made around the region continue to demonstrate a good use of public dollars and transparency of service. The LDDs will be required to attend a training once a year to maintain their designation and be held accountable for administering NBRC funds.

Waiver from hiring the LDDs for grant administration: If there is no designated LDD in your region, or you feel the requirement should be waived, the organization must be the administrator of the project and be able to affirmatively assure the following:

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- The organization has current staff that has successfully administered US Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration grant funds within the last five years.

What was the project that you administered?

Date of Award: _____

OR

- There is no designated LDD in your region.

AND

- Administrative costs will not exceed those outlined for the LDDs.
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Name of organization: _____

Contact information of organization Director/Manager/etc.

Contact information of grant administrator if different from above:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Submit this 'waiver' to Christine Frost at cfrost@nbrc.gov. If a 'waiver' is granted you will be notified within two weeks.